

WALNUT CITY COUNCIL MEETING

CALL TO ORDER: Mayor Ching called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE: C/Pacheco led the flag salute.

ROLL CALL:

PRESENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: M/Ching, MPT/Wu, C/Freedman, C/Pacheco, C/Tragarz
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

Also present: City Manager Wishner; Assistant City Manager Weiner; Assistant City Manager Rooney; City Attorney Leibold; City Engineer Gilbertson; City Planner Carlson; Community Services Superintendent Barcelo; Senior Planner Vasquez; Management Analyst Ramos; Senior Management Analyst Layman; Finance Analyst Brashear; Public Information Officer Maio; and City Clerk De Dios.

INVOCATION – NON-DENOMINATIONAL: Pastor Jimmy Nih from Walnut United Methodist Church led the invocation.

PRESENTATIONS: None scheduled.

ORAL COMMUNICATIONS FOR THE CITY COUNCIL:

Captain Tousey provided information regarding the station adding Mandarin-speaking deputies.

Sergeant Kevin Wu introduced himself to the city and stated that he is excited to serve the community.

M/Ching thanked Captain Tousey for his leadership and welcomed Sergeant Kevin Wu to the city.

Vijay Vakil inquired into the status of Item 9, to which CM/Wishner stated that during the consent calendar, staff would propose tabling Item 9 to a future meeting.

There being no further input, it was moved by M/Ching to close oral communications; seconded by C/Pacheco. Motion carried.

MINUTES

1. **Approval of the December 6, 2021 Special Meeting**
2. **Approval of the December 8, 2021 Study Session**
3. **Approval of the December 8, 2021 City Council/WHA Meeting**
4. **Approval of the January 4, 2022 Special Meeting**

MOTION ON ITEMS 1 - 4

MPT/Wu made a motion to approve Items 1 - 4 with amendments to Item 1; seconded by C/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: *COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Freedman, Pacheco, Tragarz, Wu*
NOES: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*
ABSTAIN: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*
ABSENT: *COUNCILMEMBERS: None*

ORDINANCE: None scheduled.

PUBLIC HEARINGS:

5. **Resolution No. 22-01 – Selection of Projects for the Fiscal Year (FY) 2022-2023 (48th) Program Year of the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) Program**

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Open the Public Hearing;
2. Hear the Staff Report;
3. Solicit input relative to the FY 2022-2023 (48th Year) CDBG Program;
4. Close the Public Hearing;
5. Adopt Resolution No. 22-01, approving the 2022-2023 (48th Year) CDBG Program as follows:
 - a. Housing Rehabilitation (\$201,639)
 - b. Senior Activities (\$24,674); and
6. Authorize the City Manager or designee to prepare, execute, and submit the Planning Summary, Agreements, and all required documents for the 2022-23 (48th Year) CDBG Program.

M/Ching opened the public hearing.

SMA/Guerra provided a staff report.

There being no input, M/Ching closed the public hearing.

MOTION ON ITEM 5

MPT/Wu made a motion to adopt Item 5; seconded by C/Freedman. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Freedman, Pacheco, Tragarz, Wu
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

COUNCIL CONSENT CALENDAR:

Item 9 was tabled to a future meeting. C/Pacheco announced he would recuse himself from the discussion of Item 8.

6. **Resolution No. 22-02 - A Resolution of the City of Walnut Allowing Certain Claims and Demands in the Amount of \$2,169,751.47 Demand No. 163583 through No. 163739, Both Inclusive**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-02.

7. **Resolution No. 22-03 – To Transfer Unclaimed Check Amounts from their Respective Fund(s) to the General Fund Pursuant to California Government Code Section 50050, and 50053**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-03 and to transfer unclaimed check amounts from their respective fund(s) to the General Fund miscellaneous revenue account 01-0000-3820.

8. **Resolution No. 22-04 – Vacating a Portion of a Lighting and Open Space Maintenance District (LOSMD) Easement Located at 21305 Montecito Street (Pacheco)**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-04 – “A Resolution of the City Council of the City of Walnut Vacating a portion of a Lighting and Open Space Maintenance District (LOSMD) Easement within Lot 338 of Tract No. 32958 within the City of Walnut and as more particularly described in said resolution.”

9. **Resolution No. 22-05 - Changes in Position Classifications**

Recommendation: That the City Council adopt Resolution No. 22-05 amending the Executive and Management Authorized Positions and Salary Schedules.

10. Request for a Use Permit to allow for Ancillary Musical Entertainment to an existing business at 18750 Amar Road (Native Fields)

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Grant a use permit for Musical Entertainment to the existing business at 18750 Amar Road (known as “Native Fields”), subject to the attached Conditions of Approval (COA).

11. Notice of Decision – December 15, 2021 Planning Commission Meeting

Recommendation: That the City Council:

1. Receive and File the “Notice of Decision” by the Planning Commission at its December 15, 2021 Meeting, for the following project(s):
 - a. Housing Element Update (HEU) – The 2021-2029 update for the 6th Cycle of the Regional Housing Needs Assessment.
 - b. Site Plan Case/Architectural Review (SPC/AR) 2021-106 – A request to install a 741 square-foot, forty (40) panel ground mounted solar panel array on the rear slope of an existing property located at 721 Arabian Lane (APN: 8709-063-001).

12. Finding Continued Existence of Local Emergency (COVID-19)

Recommendation: That the City Council make the following findings:

1. The City Council has reconsidered the circumstances of the state of emergency related to COVID-19; and
2. The state of emergency continues to directly impact the ability of members of the City Council, City Staff and the public to meet safely in person, and
3. Los Angeles County Department of Public Health officials continue to impose or recommend measures to promote social distancing; and
4. Existing circumstances support the need to continue the local emergency (COVID-19) consistent with Resolution No. 20-25 Proclaiming Existence of a Local Emergency (COVID-19) adopted March 23, 2020 as amended by Resolution No. 20-32 adopted May 13, 2020.

MOTION ON ITEMS 6, 7, 10, 11, and 12

MPT/Wu made a motion to adopt Items 6, 7, 10, 11, and 12; seconded by C/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: Ching, Freedman, Pacheco, Tragarz, Wu
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: None
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: None

MOTION ON ITEM 8

MPT/Wu made a motion to adopt Item 8; seconded by C/Tragarz. Motion carried by the following voice vote:

AYES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *Ching, Freedman, Tragarz, Wu*
NOES: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*
ABSTAIN: COUNCILMEMBERS: *Pacheco*
ABSENT: COUNCILMEMBERS: *None*

COUNCIL DISCUSSION/TRANSACTION ITEMS: None scheduled.

ANNOUNCEMENTS (COUNCIL MEMBERS AND STAFF):

A. Councilmembers’ report on meetings attended at the expense of the local agency

C/Tragarz shared information from a League of California Cities event.

C/Freedman shared information from a Foothill Transit board meeting.

B. Individual Members’ comments and updates

MPT/Wu wished a speedy recovery to everyone affected with the omicron variant.

C/Freedman thanked staff for their efforts last week and encouraged the community to participate in the Youth Advisory Commission’s kindness event.

C/Pacheco thanked city, county, and school district staff for everything they have done in the community.

M/Ching invited Captain Tousey and Sergeant Wu to lunch and thanked the Youth Commission for engaging the community. He invited everyone to attend the Lunar New Year Event on February 19th. He thanked CM/Wishner for his service and leadership over the years.

COUNCIL LATE BUSINESS: None.

CLOSED SESSION: Council went into closed session at 7:29 p.m.

PUBLIC EMPLOYMENT (Gov’t Code § 54957): City Manager

RECONVENE COUNCIL MEETING AND ANNOUNCE CLOSED SESSION ACTION:

Council reconvened from Closed Session at 8:34 p.m. CA/Leibold stated that there was no reportable action.

ADJOURNMENT: There being no further business, the City Council adjourned the meeting at 8:34 p.m.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 26th day of January 2022.

Eric Ching, Mayor

ATTEST:

Teresa De Dios, City Clerk

PREPARED BY:

Ray Markel, Administrative Assistant